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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: June 07, 2011
Meeting Time: 11:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., 431
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Sen. David Long, Chairperson; Rep. Brian Bosma, Vice-Chairperson; Sen. James Merritt; Sen. Connie Lawson; Sen. Brent Steele; Sen. Vi Simpson; Sen. James Arnold; Sen. Timothy Lanane; Rep. William Friend; Rep. Eric Turner; Rep. B. Patrick Bauer; Rep. Dale Grubb; Rep. Linda Lawson.

Members Absent: Sen. Brandt Hershman; Rep. Kathy Kreag Richardson; Rep. Timothy Brown.

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by the Chairman of the Legislative Council, President Pro Tempore David Long.

Chairman Long introduced the individual members of the Legislative Council.

The first order of business was consideration of proposed Legislative Council Resolution 11-01 (LCR 11-01) concerning the creation of ad hoc study committees and assignment of

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topics to statutory committees and commissions. (See Exhibit 1.) Chairman Long called upon Jack Ross, the Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA), to explain LCR 11-01. Mr. Ross explained that LCR 11-01 sets forth the recommendations of the leadership of the Council regarding the topics to be studied this summer and the committee to which each topic should be assigned. The resolution created one new ad hoc study committee, the Interim Study Committee on Redistricting. In addition, Mr. Ross advised that the resolution assigned topics to existing and newly created statutory committees.

Chairman Long raised a question concerning the topics assigned to the Criminal Code Evaluation Committee and whether the recodification of the criminal code was included in those topics. Mr. Ross responded by saying that 2009 language that created this committee provided that its general task was to evaluate the criminal code and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding needed changes. Mr. Ross opined that this language was broad enough to include a recodification of the criminal code. To insure that the intent of the council was clear, Chairman Long moved that the specific task of studying the potential recodification of the criminal code be added to the list of topics to be studied by this committee. The motion was approved by consent of the full council.

Senator Lanane questioned whether the third topic to be studied by the Interim Study Committee on Economic Development should look at the "competitive" advantages Indiana might have over other states in specific sectors of the economy rather than the "comparative" advantages Indiana might have. Mr. Ross advised that "comparative" was the language in HEA 1004.

The Legislative Council adopted Resolution LCR 11-01, as amended, by voice vote.

The Legislative Council considered proposed Legislative Council Resolution 11-02 (LCR 11-02). (See Exhibit 2.) Chairman Long asked Jack Ross to explain LCR 11-02. Mr. Ross advised that this proposed resolution contains the policies governing the interim and statutory study committees. He indicated that the resolution is virtually the same as the resolution adopted over the past several years regarding the policies governing interim and statutory study committees.

The Legislative Council adopted LCR 11-02 by voice vote.

Chairman Long announced a new subcommittee of the Legislative Council to review the recent Indiana Supreme Court decision in the case of *Barnes v. State*. Senator Steele will chair the subcommittee and will be joined on the subcommittee by Senator Lanane, Representative Turner and Representative Lawson. The subcommittee is to report back to the Council later this interim.

Chairman Long announced the membership of the other four subcommittees of the Council. (See Exhibit 3.) At the request of Speaker Bosma, the Data Processing Subcommittee was charged with studying and reporting back to the Council regarding the potential savings to be realized through the use of iPad type technology in the General Assembly. Included in the study will be a review of what other states are doing and an analysis of the potential cost savings, flexibility and convenience of such devices. This subcommittee would also report back to the Council later this interim.

Chairman Long called upon Jack Ross to discuss the project assigned to the Legislative Evaluation and Oversight Policy Subcommittee (LEOPS) as set forth in Legislative Council Resolution 11-03 (LCR 11-03). (See Exhibit 4.) Mr. Ross explained that LSA, under the direction of LEOPS, would study the potential reorganization of summer study committees

into a permanent group of topical committees and the elimination of existing, unnecessary committees. A report on this study will be submitted on or before July 1, 2012. Chairman Long emphasized that the goal of this project will be to get some control over the proliferation of study committees, including the elimination of committees that never meet or that are otherwise unnecessary.

The Legislative Council adopted LCR 11-03 by voice vote.

Chairman Long asked Jack Ross to explain Legislative Council Resolution 11-04 (LCR 11-04). (See Exhibit 5.) Mr. Ross advised the Council that this resolution authorized the payment of dues to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the Council of State Governments (CSG) and the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL). The amounts authorized in this resolution are the amounts appropriated in the budget bill (HEA 1001-2011). The amounts appropriated have remained constant over the past several years and represent approximately 90% of the dues assessed by NCSL and CSG for FY 2012. NCOIL's dues have remained constant and this resolution authorizes payment in full of NCOIL's assessed dues.

The Legislative Council adopted LCR 11-04 by voice vote.

No further business came before the Council and the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.